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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

## Column 14,

Line 66, following claim 19, include the following claims:

20. A method for communication by a host computer that is connectable to a network by an intelligent network interface, the method comprising:

establishing a Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) connection by a protocol processing stack of the host computer, the TCP connection being at least in part identified by an Internet Protocol (IP) address and TCP port of the host, and an IP address and TCP port of a remote host; and

offloading the TCP connection from the protocol processing stack to the intelligent network interface.

- 21. The method of claim 20, wherein the offloading includes communicating a state of the TCP connection to the intelligent network interface and transferring control of data transfer for the TCP connection to the intelligent network interface.
- 22. The method of claim 20, wherein the offloading includes communicating a state of the TCP connection to the intelligent network interface and transferring control of receiving data for the TCP connection to the intelligent network interface.

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